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# Winter Giving Opportunities in the City of Falls Church

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The City of Falls Church invites members of the community to remember those in need this winter season. Listed below are several opportunities for giving in the City.

## City of Falls Church Family Assistance Fund

Established by the Falls Church City Public Schools and administered with help from the City's Housing and Human Services Division, the Family Assistance Fund provides year-round assistance to families in need with at least one school-age child. The program provides holiday assistance, back-to-school assistance, winter coats, payment assistance for students' medical emergency bills, and more. Anyone who knows of a City of Falls Church family in need this holiday season should contact Susan Sinclair, FCCPS School Social Worker, at 703-248-5634 (TTY 711) or <a href="mailto:sinclairs@fccps.org">sinclairs@fccps.org</a>. Donations should be made payable to "Family Assistance Fund" and mailed or delivered to Susan Sinclair at the FCCPS Central Office, 803 W. Broad St., Falls Church, VA 22046. A receipt letter for tax purposes will be sent to each donor.

Santa's Ride for Children (Provided by the Fairfax County Police Department Motorcycle Squad) The Fairfax County Police Department Motor Squad will escort Santa and his elves to collect toys and other donations from Fairfax County government facilities on Dec. 13, and will also stop by the City of Falls Church Community Center (223 Little Falls St.) at 2:45 p.m. They will deliver the toys to children at Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center on Dec. 14 and INOVA Fairfax Hospital Child Life Center on Dec. 15. Left over toys will be delivered to the Reston F.I.S.H. (For Immediate Sympathetic Help) on Dec. 18. In addition to designated collection centers in Fairfax County, new toys and donations can be brought to the City of Falls Church Community Center (223 Little Falls St.) no later than Dec. 12. Checks should be made payable to "INOVA Fairfax Children's Hospital Child Life Department." For more information call Fairfax County at 703-246-2253.

## **Toys for Tots**

For the fifth consecutive year, the Falls Church Police Association is lending its support to the Toys for Tots campaign. The program provides new toys to children in need throughout the region. Those wishing to participate are invited to deliver a new, unwrapped toy to the Falls Church Police Department, located in City Hall at 300 Park Ave. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 15. For more information, visit www.toysfortots.org or call 703-248-5100, ext. 5317.

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# Mary Riley Styles Public Library Foundation Trust

The Mary Riley Styles Public Library Foundation Trust is a 501 (c)(3) organization that helps support the City's public library by supplementing funding received from the City government. It has provided more than \$15,000 in support since its inception in 2002. In recent years, contributors to the Foundation have funded the Library's wireless network, as well as the purchase of additional books and books-on-disc. All contributions to the Trust are tax deductible and go directly to the Library. Donations may be delivered to the Library (120 N. Virginia Ave.) or mailed to the Foundation's Treasurer at 213 W. Columbia St., Falls Church, VA 22046. All checks should be made payable to "MRSPL Foundation Trust." A receipt letter for tax purposes will be sent to each donor.

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